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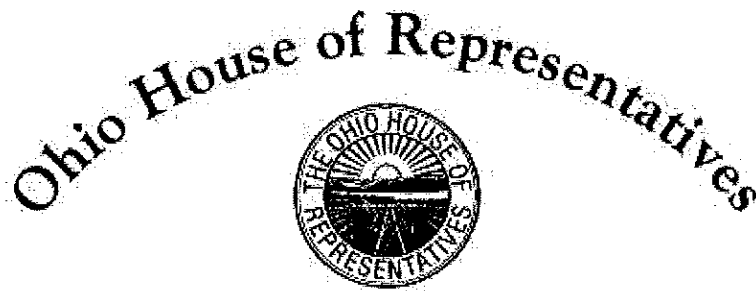
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To: House All
Subject: Co-Sponsor Request: Exempt State Employees Pay Portion of Dental, Vision, and Life
Attachments: Co-Sponsor Request - Requiring Exempt State Employees to Pay Healthcare Premiums.pdf



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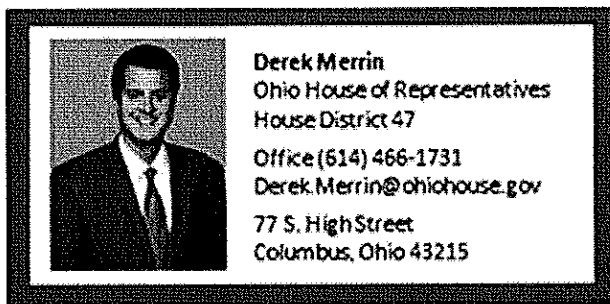
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Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 11:18 AM
To: House_All
Subject: Reminder: Co-Sponsor Request: Exempt State Employees Pay Portion of Dental, Vision, and Life
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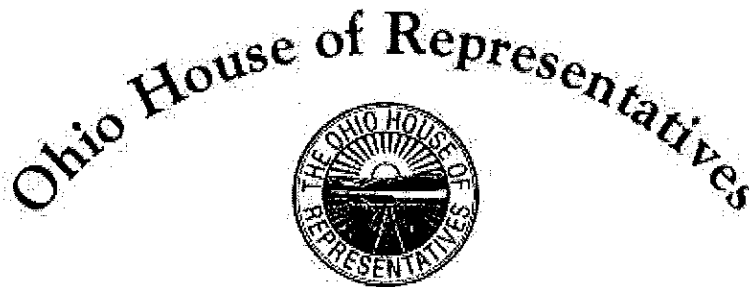
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Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2017 6:55 AM

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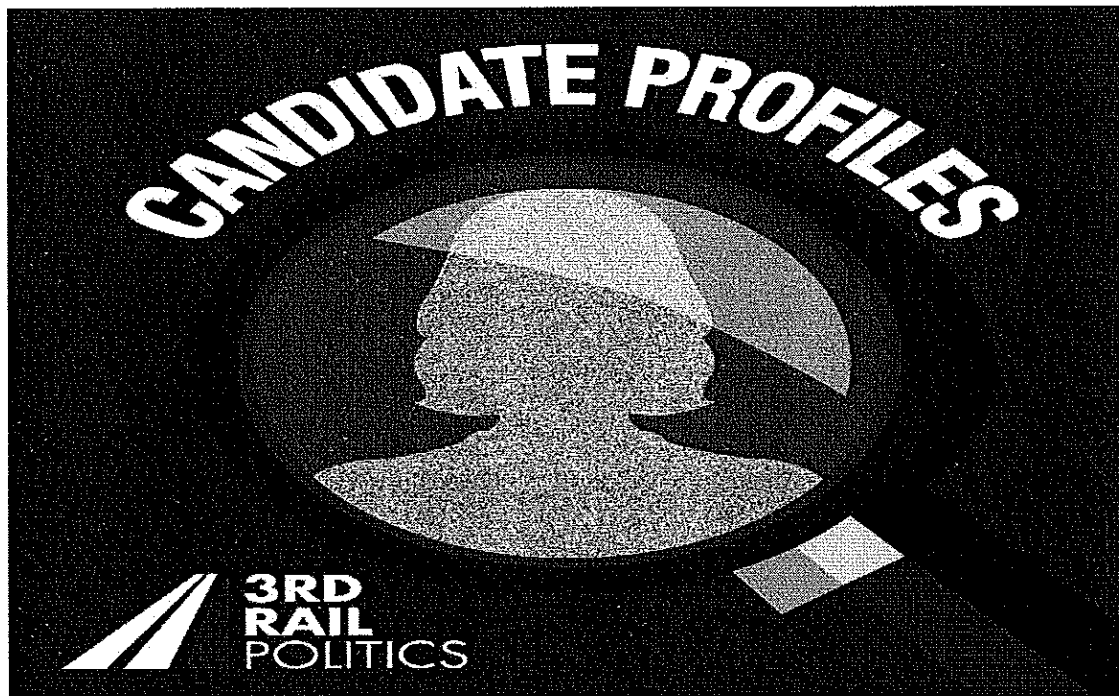
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Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 4:02 PM
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Subject: Say No To Anti-Worker Legislation

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December 19, 2017

Dear Speaker Pro Tempore Schuring,

As Chairman of We Are Ohio, I am writing to ask you not to sign on as a co-sponsor to Representative John Becker's anti-worker legislation and to oppose Rep. Becker's efforts to hurt working families in your district and across Ohio.

Rep. Becker, we believe, is pursuing an anti-worker agenda pushed by out-of-state interests like the Koch brothers, Americans for Prosperity and the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

He has outlined six separate constitutional amendments that are all designed to hurt workers, lower wages, decrease safety in the workplace and cause further economic insecurity for the people that you serve.

= 9On behalf of We Are Ohio, I'm asking you to stand for workers in your district and our state and to stand against these out-of-state parties. I'm sure you would agree that Ohio elected officials should represent the people of Ohio, not out of state interests.

We Are Ohio was formed in 2011 when a similar threat to workers' security was passed by the Ohio General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Kasich. We asked the citizens to veto Senate Bill 5 that year and restore collective bargaining rights to public sector employees, and they responded with historic numbers.

Nearly 1.3 million Ohioans signed petitions to put the citizens veto on the ballot, 17,000 Ohioans volunteered for the campaign and, on Election Day, 2.1 million Ohioans voted to veto Senate Bill 5 by a 62-38 margin.

We Are Ohio has remained a force since then. We have held meetings all across the state, have a huge online presence and maintain a database and email list of nearly 1 million voters who agreed with us in 2011.

We believe that the prudent course here is for the legislature to steer away from any anti-worker laws, amendments or ballot initiatives and we ask for your support.

Governor Kasich has acknowledged that such legislation does not attract business to our great state.

I'm respectfully asking you to tell Representative Becker that his ideas are harmful and divisive and that we don't want history to repeat itself.

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Chairman - We Are Ohio

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From: Ohio House Republican Communications
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 11:14 AM
Subject: GOP Week in Review 12/31/17 - 1/7/18



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Majority Communications Department

GOP Week in Review

12/31/17 – 1/7/18

WKSU: Ohio's Year in Review 2017: Changes to education policy

"Looking back, basically a time of transition and a time of starting to listen to what's going on in the field and starting to implement common-sense reforms as opposed to just mandates that people can't necessarily comply with," Brenner said.

Sandusky Register: Busy year for Shores & Islands

In April we were proud to provide support to the governor's office, city of Sandusky, Cedar Point, state Sen. Randy Gardner, state Rep. Steve Arndt, TourismOhio and others in hosting the governor's State of the State address at the Sandusky State Theatre.

The Advertiser-Tribune: SRPC, elections board ready to go

Reineke presented an Ohio flag and a U.S. flag that were flown over the state capitol building Dec. 19 as a gift to the elections panel. "I'm very happy to be here," he said. "We've all got to keep working together to make great things happen."

WOSU: Ohio lawmaker pushes for harsher penalties for parolees who fail drug tests

Republican state Rep. Niraj Antani, the bill's sponsor, wants to create more access to treatment facilities and says jails should not be used as detox centers. "But until that time, jail is simply the best place for someone to detox and to be safely placed if they are (using) heroin and fentanyl - until we can figure out something else for them," Antani said.

Mansfield News Journal: Community honors law enforcement with 'Spread the Light'

The evening ended with state Rep. Mark Romanchuk, R-Ontario, counting down to officers switching on the lights and sirens in more than a dozen police vehicles to officially "spread the light" and start the week.

Associated Press: Proposed Ohio law would prevent forced nurse overtime

State Rep. Robert Sprague, a Findlay Republican, said he's concerned that exhausted nurses working long hours can lead to preventable medical errors. "It's a recipe for problems," Sprague told The Dayton Daily News.

Findlay Courier: Sprague bill would ban forced nurse OT

A bill introduced in the Ohio House by state Rep. Robert Sprague, R-Findlay, would prohibit hospitals from requiring a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse to work overtime as a condition of employment.

Wilmington News Journal: Guest column from Speaker Cliff Rosenberger: Buckeye Pathway guides policy

This member-driven document outlines our priorities and serves as a roadmap to three objectives: improve Ohio's economic environment, enhance opportunities for all Ohioans, and strengthen families and communities. Halfway through this term, we have approved more than 30 bills that align with these principles.

Toledo Blade: Republican lawmakers push to make Ohio "right to work"

The resolutions are sponsored by state Rep. John Becker (R., Cincinnati) and state Rep. Craig Riedel (R., Defiance). ... "It's not so much that I'm opposed to unions," Mr. Riedel said. "I believe strongly that employees ought not to be required to pay fair-share fees if they choose not to join that union. If that individual chooses not to be a part of that union, they're on their own. They would not get any representation whatsoever by that collective-bargaining agreement."

Your News Now: HB 336 plans to help Ohioans with suspended licenses

"This would help reduce the number of suspensions the bureau has to keep track of, it would also provide an incentive for a person to get insurance, get their license reinstated, and be able, if you're not able now to find a job because of lack of transportation, to be able to do that," said Rep. Bob Cupp, 4th District Rep for the State of Ohio.

From: Paretti, Dominic
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 5:01 PM
To: House_All
Subject: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Family and Medical Leave



MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Representative Janine Boyd and Representative Kristin Boggs
DATE: February 5, 2018
RE: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Family and Medical Leave

We will soon introduce legislation to create the Ohio Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. Today we chose to send this co-sponsor request as this date marks the 25th anniversary of FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act). This legislation will provide 12 weeks of family and medical leave benefits, which will permit individuals to care for a family member, bond with a new child, or address their own serious health condition.

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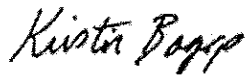
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Subject: FW: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Family and Medical Leave

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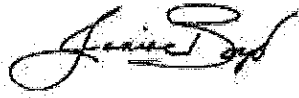
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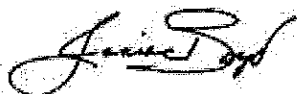
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Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 9:34 PM
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CC: House_All
Subject: Re: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Family and Medical Leave

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: Finlay, Serena
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 11:11 AM
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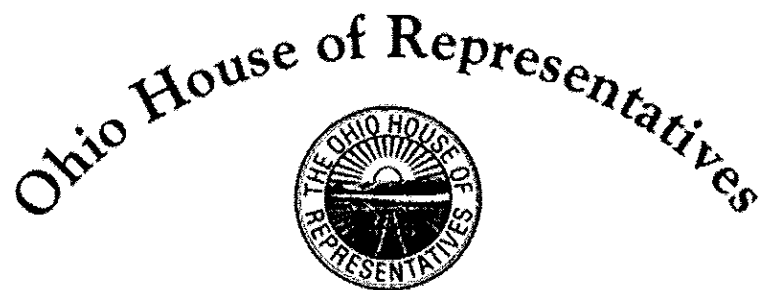
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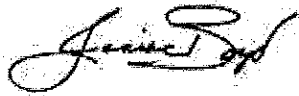
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From: Baker, Dan

Sent: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 9:14 AM

To: Schuring, Kirk; Smith, Ryan; Ryan, Scott; Kasych, Shawn; Best, Carolyn; Blessing, Heather

Subject: FW: Preliminary Revenue Tables 6-6-18

Attachments: Preliminary Revenue Tables 6-6-18.pdf

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Attached are the Revenue tables for May. Total tax receipts were \$58 M (2.9%) above estimate, for the year receipts are up by \$418 M (2.1%). This was a good month, the income tax was \$92 M (15.7%) above estimate. The big drag was the domestic insurance tax which was below estimate by \$66 M, this appears to be a timing issue that should resolve itself in June. The CAT, FIT and non-auto sales tax were also strong.

As I stated last month it is clear we will end the year with a substantial surplus, right now around \$500 M, most of which will be deposited into the BSF though there are significant spending bill that will drop that number such as the collective bargaining agreement, elections equipment and school security.

A full memo is forthcoming, otherwise let me know if you have any questions.

Dan

From: John.Charlton@obm.ohio.gov <John.Charlton@obm.ohio.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2018 8:47 AM

To: andy.shifflette@obm.ohio.gov; Ray DiRossi <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>; David Reedy <David.Reedy@ohiosenate.gov>; Baker, Dan <Dan.Baker@ohiohouse.gov>

Subject: Preliminary Revenue Tables 6-6-18

Good morning,

Attached you will find the preliminary revenue tables for May. The numbers will be sent to select statehouse media members this morning.

Also, June marks the 2-year anniversary of the state's Interactive Budget. If you haven't been there recently, check it out and share the url with your friends.

<http://interactivebudget.ohio.gov/>

Thanks and have a great day!

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	ACTUAL MAY	ESTIMATE MAY	% VAR	ACTUAL Y-T-D	ESTIMATE Y-T-D	% VAR
TAX RECEIPTS						
Non-Auto Sales & Use	724,834	733,200	-1.1%	7,915,323	7,952,200	-0.5%
Auto Sales & Use	136,956	121,500	12.7%	1,312,186	1,236,100	6.2%
Subtotal Sales & Use	861,790	854,700	0.8%	9,228,510	9,188,300	0.4%
Personal Income	682,754	590,200	15.7%	7,582,045	7,180,100	5.6%
Corporate Franchise	45	0	N/A	2,016	0	N/A
Financial Institutions Tax	38,275	27,200	40.7%	183,846	163,000	12.8%
Commercial Activity Tax	326,673	309,100	5.7%	1,511,932	1,484,700	1.8%
Petroleum Activity Tax	0	0	N/A	5,442	4,800	13.4%
Public Utility	35,358	30,700	15.2%	119,132	109,100	9.2%
Kilowatt Hour	24,779	23,100	7.3%	320,057	331,600	-3.5%
Natural Gas Distribution	31,187	28,700	8.7%	69,549	65,500	6.2%
Foreign Insurance	(24,989)	(14,000)	-78.5%	291,972	299,300	-2.4%
Domestic Insurance	22,926	89,800	-74.5%	24,449	93,200	-73.8%
Other Business & Property	0	0	N/A	(263)	0	N/A
Cigarette and Other Tobacco	80,706	81,600	-1.1%	796,298	797,300	-0.1%
Alcoholic Beverage	4,052	4,600	-11.9%	50,203	51,600	-2.7%
Liquor Gallonage	3,749	3,700	1.3%	43,825	42,000	4.3%
Estate	14	0	N/A	145	0	N/A
Total Tax Receipts	2,087,318	2,029,400	2.9%	20,229,158	19,810,500	2.1%
NON-TAX RECEIPTS						
Federal Grants	628,870	661,969	-5.0%	8,686,578	8,930,059	-2.7%
Earnings on Investments	0	0	N/A	46,658	44,000	6.0%
License & Fees	(2,411)	630	-482.7%	58,465	56,380	3.7%
Other Income	621	2,980	-79.2%	247,967	278,940	-11.1%
ISTVS	(30)	9,500	-100.3%	15,683	9,500	65.1%
Total Non-Tax Receipts	627,050	675,079	-7.1%	9,055,351	9,318,879	-2.8%
TOTAL REVENUES	2,714,368	2,704,479	0.4%	29,284,509	29,129,379	0.5%
TRANSFERS						
Budget Stabilization	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Transfers In - Other	0	1,200	-100.0%	133,327	130,129	2.5%
Temporary Transfers In	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Total Transfers	0	1,200	-100.0%	133,327	130,129	2.5%
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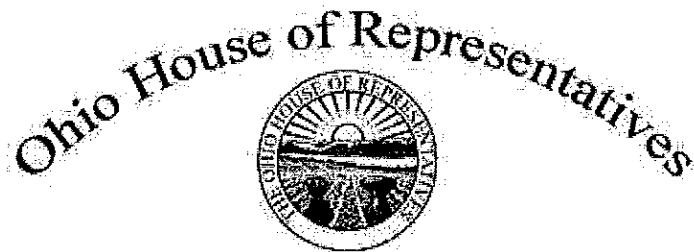
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Auto Sales & Use	136,956	129,030	7,926	6.1%	1,312,186	1,265,997	46,189	3.6%
Subtotal Sales & Use	861,790	916,309	(54,519)	-5.9%	9,228,510	9,679,284	(450,774)	-4.7%
Personal Income	682,754	556,534	126,220	22.7%	7,582,045	6,817,379	764,666	11.2%
Corporate Franchise	45	279	(234)	-83.9%	2,016	3,650	(1,634)	-44.8%
Financial Institutions Tax	38,275	27,925	10,351	37.1%	183,846	160,520	23,326	14.5%
Commercial Activity Tax	326,673	279,785	46,887	16.8%	1,511,932	1,285,340	226,592	17.6%
Petroleum Activity Tax	0	0	0	N/A	5,442	5,014	428	8.5%
Public Utility	35,358	33,904	1,454	4.3%	119,132	106,469	12,663	11.9%
Kilowatt Hour	24,779	23,443	1,336	5.7%	320,057	326,249	(6,192)	-1.9%
Natural Gas Distribution	31,187	26,327	4,861	18.5%	69,549	61,786	7,763	12.6%
Foreign Insurance	(24,969)	(9,455)	(15,534)	-164.3%	291,972	325,080	(33,108)	-10.2%
Domestic Insurance	22,926	5,565	17,361	312.0%	24,449	6,735	17,714	263.0%
Other Business & Property	0	0	0	N/A	(263)	(678)	415	61.2%
Cigarette and Other Tobacco	80,706	82,653	(1,947)	-2.4%	796,298	822,695	(26,397)	-3.2%
Alcoholic Beverage	4,052	4,578	(526)	-11.5%	50,203	51,944	(1,740)	-3.4%
Liquor Gallonage	3,749	3,718	31	0.8%	43,825	42,391	1,434	3.4%
Estate	14	89	(75)	-84.7%	145	668	(523)	-78.2%
Total Tax Receipts	2,087,318	1,951,654	135,665	7.0%	20,229,158	19,694,525	534,634	2.7%
NON-TAX RECEIPTS								
Federal Grants	628,870	947,141	(318,271)	-33.6%	8,686,578	10,750,516	(2,063,938)	-19.2%
Earnings on Investments	0	0	0	N/A	46,658	37,303	9,356	25.1%
License & Fee	(2,411)	377	(2,788)	-740.4%	58,465	58,845	(380)	-0.6%
Other Income	621	2,606	(1,986)	-76.2%	247,967	48,590	199,387	410.4%
ISTVS	(30)	9,766	(9,796)	-100.3%	15,683	18,898	(3,216)	-17.0%
Total Non-Tax Receipts	627,050	959,890	(332,840)	-34.7%	9,055,351	10,914,142	(1,858,791)	-17.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	2,714,368	2,911,543	(197,175)	-6.8%	29,284,509	30,608,667	(1,324,158)	-4.3%
TRANSFERS								
Budget Stabilization	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A
Transfers In - Other	0	11,157	(11,157)	N/A	133,327	108,019	25,307	23.4%
Temporary Transfers In	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A
Total Transfers	0	11,157	(11,157)	N/A	133,327	108,019	25,307	23.4%
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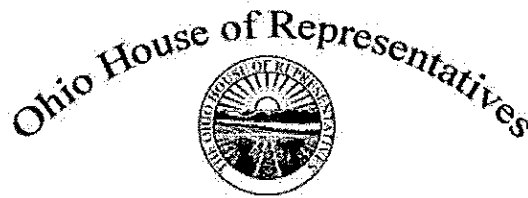
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December 19, 2017

Dear Speaker Pro Tempore Schuring,

As Chairman of We Are Ohio, I am writing to ask you not to sign on as a co-sponsor to Representative John Becker's anti-worker legislation and to oppose Rep. Becker's efforts to hurt working families in your district and across Ohio.

Rep. Becker, we believe, is pursuing an anti-worker agenda pushed by out-of-state interests like the Koch brothers, Americans for Prosperity and the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

He has outlined six separate constitutional amendments that are all designed to hurt workers, lower wages, decrease safety in the workplace and cause further economic insecurity for the people that you serve.

= 9On behalf of We Are Ohio, I'm asking you to stand for workers in your district and our state and to stand against these out-of-state parties. I'm sure you would agree that Ohio elected officials should represent the people of Ohio, not out of state interests.

We Are Ohio was formed in 2011 when a similar threat to workers' security was passed by the Ohio General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Kasich. We asked the citizens to veto Senate Bill 5 that year and restore collective bargaining rights to public sector employees, and they responded with historic numbers.

Nearly 1.3 million Ohioans signed petitions to put the citizens veto on the ballot, 17,000 Ohioans volunteered for the campaign and, on Election Day, 2.1 million Ohioans voted to veto Senate Bill 5 by a 62-38 margin.

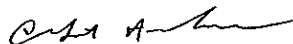
We Are Ohio has remained a force since then. We have held meetings all across the state, have a huge online presence and maintain a database and email list of nearly 1 million voters who agreed with us in 2011.

We believe that the prudent course here is for the legislature to steer away from any anti-worker laws, amendments or ballot initiatives and we ask for your support.

Governor Kasich has acknowledged that such legislation does not attract business to our great state.

I'm respectfully asking you to tell Representative Becker that his ideas are harmful and divisive and that we don't want history to repeat itself.

Sincerely,



= 9Christopher Mabe
Chairman - We Are Ohio

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WELCOME

When you get a free minute, please make sure to introduce yourself and welcome the newest members of our team.



Tyler Herrmann, Deputy Legal Counsel / Policy Advisor

Tyler is from Harrison, Ohio and holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati and a Political Science degree from Wright State University. Tyler served in the United States Air Force as an Operations Intelligence Analyst NCO and currently serves as a JAG Attorney for the United States Army. He currently presides as the Chairman for the Ohio Chapter of the Republican National Lawyers Association, and as the Treasurer for the Cap City Young

Republicans. Tyler transferred to the House from the Attorney General's Office where he served as an Assistant Attorney General within the Executive Agencies Section.

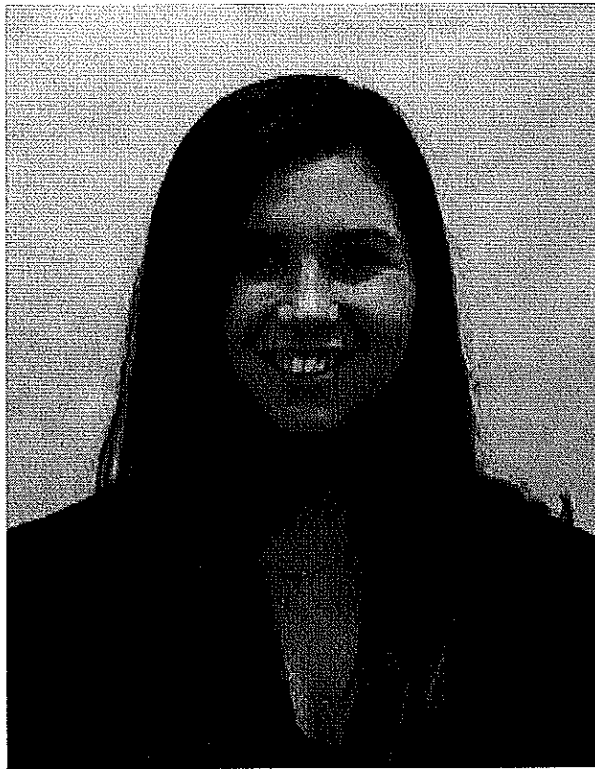
James Kennedy, LA Merrin



James is from Palm City, Florida and an alum of Florida, Atlantic University where he graduated with a degree in Political Science. While in college he had the opportunity to serve as a Tax and Fiscal Policy Intern for the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). James has an extensive research background serving as a Legal Research Analyst Intern for the Buckeye Institute and as a Political-Military Analyst Intern for the Hudson Institute. Prior to arriving to the House, he served as a Legislative Assistant for the Tennessee Legislation Service in Nashville. In James' free time, he enjoys collecting sports memorabilia and claims to have personally met nearly every

major league baseball
superstar.

Lauren Reid, LA Butler



Lauren is from Madison, Connecticut, and recently graduated from the University of Dayton with degrees in Criminal Justice and Political Science with a minor in Spanish. While at Dayton, she served as a Statehouse Civic Scholar, where she was assigned an internship working for the Governor's communication team. Lauren had the unique experience of traveling to Segovia, Spain, where she participated in a four-week immersion program. During the winter months whenever she gets the opportunity, she enjoys to snowmobile.

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From: Lenzo, Mike
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 1:08 PM
To: Lenzo, Mike
Subject: JLEC Memo on Political Conventions
Attachments: 2016 JLEC Memo on Political Conventions.pdf

Importance: High

To All House Republican Members and Staff:

Attached you will find the 2016 JLEC memorandum on attending a political convention. With the Republican National Convention being located in Cleveland in July, there will likely be many members and staff who decide to attend the convention in various capacities, as well as many different receptions and other events associated with the convention. The attached JLEC memo will help explain the ethics implications of many of the situations that may arise during the convention.

The most important detail to remember regarding the Republican National Convention is that it is a **campaign event**. The exemption that applies to the meetings of national conferences that the General Assembly pays dues to (such as NCSL, ALEC, CSG, etc) **does not apply to the Republican National Convention.**

There will be many different situations that arise regarding the convention. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Michael Lenzo
Majority Legal Counsel
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614-466-3716

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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate and House Caucus Counsel

From: Office of the Legislative Inspector General

Date: April 26, 2016

RE: *Attendance at National Political Party Nominating Conventions*

Members of the General Assembly and legislative staff may be in attendance at the presidential nominating convention ("political convention") for their respective political parties later this summer. In addition to the actual convention, many events will be held in the host cities (RNC - Cleveland and DNC - Philadelphia) at the same time. These events are likely to be hosted by a variety of different organizations. The purpose of this memo is to review the limitations on what may be accepted and the reporting requirements for Members and legislative staff in attendance.¹ This information is applicable to those in attendance whether as Delegates or as general attendees.

I. Financial Disclosure Requirements – Meals and Beverages:

Members and legislative employees² must identify the source of all **official** meals and beverages where the value exceeds \$100, aggregated per calendar year in *Section 10: Meals, Food and Beverages* on their financial disclosure statement. Only meals *incurred in connection* with the person's official duties must be reported on the financial disclosure statement. In order for a meal to be *incurred in connection* with the person's official duties, it is necessary that the functions are related to, or associated with, the individual's position as a public official or employee. Attendance at a political convention is not related to, or associated with, a person's official duties with the General Assembly. Therefore, meals and other food and beverages

¹ Although questions have been raised in the media as to the applicability of R.C. 2921.02 or 3599.01 "Bribery" in the context of national conventions, JLEC's jurisdiction and enforcement authority does not include R.C. 2921.02 or 3599.01 "Bribery". This memorandum addresses expenditure limits applicable in the absence of bribery.

² For financial disclosure reporting purposes, legislative employees are those employees of the General Assembly or any legislative agency that file a financial disclosure statement.

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provided to a Member or legislative employee at a political convention are not incurred in connection with their official duties and do not count toward the \$100 threshold.³

II. Financial Disclosure Requirements – Meals and Beverages from Lobbying

Sources:

Meals and beverages provided to a Member or legislative employee directly from an Ohio legislative agent or the employer of an Ohio legislative agent, will be reported by the legislative agent or employer regardless of whether the meals and beverages were related to official duties. Meals and beverages provided by a legislative agent to a Member of the General Assembly or legislative staff while attending a political convention count towards the \$75 annual limit. **The “national conference exception,” often referenced when discussing Ohio’s ethics and lobbying laws, does not apply to political party nominating conventions.**

Members and all legislative staff are reminded that they are prohibited from accepting more than \$75, aggregated per calendar year, in meals and beverages from a legislative agent.⁴ This limit does not apply to meals and beverages from the employer of a legislative agent.⁵ A Member’s or legislative employee’s name will be included in a legislative agent’s Activity and Expenditure Report, if he or she accepts more than \$50 in meals and beverages from the legislative agent in a calendar year.⁶ Meals and Beverages received from the employer of a legislative agent are reportable from \$0.01. A Member or legislative employee whose name appears on a lobbying expenditure report will include this information on his or her financial disclosure statement, under *Section 11: Non-disputed Information*.

Please note: Meals and beverages provided at an All-Invited Event do not count towards the \$75 annual limit or trigger the reporting of a recipient’s name on a lobbying report. An All-Invited Event is a dinner, party, or reception to which all Members of the General Assembly, or all Members of either chamber of the General Assembly, are invited to attend. An event need not be exclusive to General Assembly Members to be considered an All-Invited Event.⁷

III. Financial Disclosure Requirements – Gifts:

Members and legislative employees must identify the source of a gift where the value of the gift or gifts, aggregated per calendar year exceeds \$75 (or if received from a legislative agent, \$25) in *Section 9: Gifts* on their financial disclosure statement.⁸ Members and all legislative

³ Generally, receptions are considered to fall under the meal section where the main purpose of the event is for social gathering and not entertainment, even assuming there is some type of background entertainment. However, where the main purpose is entertainment (i.e., a well-known band is hired to perform a concert), that would be considered a gift.

⁴ R.C. 102.031(C)(2); § 5(B)(2) Legislative Code of Ethics.

⁵ To determine whether an expenditure is attributable to a legislative agent or an employer, the Ohio Legislative Inspector General (OLIG) uses a “point of sale” test. From the perspective of the recipient, the OLIG asks: “at the time of the expenditure, who would the recipient say paid for or provided the expenditure?” See Ohio Lobbying Handbook, at 46.

⁶ Legislative Agents may spend up to \$50.00 aggregated per calendar year per reportable person without itemizing the expenditure. See Ohio Lobbying Handbook, at 41.

⁷ R.C. 101.73(D).

⁸ R.C. 102.02(A)(2)(g). Generally, a gift provided to a spouse is for the use or benefit of the Member or employee (i.e., spouse is receiving the gift because he or she is the spouse of the Member or employee).

staff are reminded of the prohibition on accepting more than \$75, aggregated per calendar year, in gifts from a legislative agent.⁹ A legislative agent or employer of a legislative agent who provides a gift valued at more than \$25, must report the Member or legislative employee as the recipient of a gift on their corresponding Activity and Expenditure Report.¹⁰ In turn, a Member or legislative employee whose name appears on a lobbying expenditure report will include this information on his or her financial disclosure statement, under *Section 11: Non-disputed Information*.

A. Charitable Fundraisers – Tickets:

A non-political fundraiser is one held by a non-profit charitable organization. A ticket to a non-political fundraiser where the source of the ticket is the entity hosting the event is not a gift for lobbying or financial disclosure reporting purposes.¹¹ However, Members and legislative staff are reminded that a complimentary ticket to a non-political fundraiser where the source of the ticket is a third party is a gift.¹² Where the source of the complimentary ticket is a third party, the value of the ticket is the portion of the ticket price that is not a tax-deductible charitable donation.¹³

B. Political Fundraisers – Tickets:

Regarding the acceptance and reporting of tickets to political fundraisers, Members and legislative employees are reminded that a ticket to a political fundraiser given to a Member or legislative staff by a person other than the candidate or committee on whose behalf the fundraiser is being held is a gift.¹⁴ The value of which, is the actual face value of admission.¹⁵ However, complimentary attendance at a political fundraising event is not considered a gift if the source of the complimentary admission is the candidate/committee hosting the event.¹⁶

C. Reporting of Social Events Held by the Political Parties During the Political Conventions:

During the political conventions, the national (RNC/DNC), state (Ohio Republican Party/Ohio Democratic Party), and/or local political parties will also likely hold non-fundraising social events as part of the political conventions. The costs incurred for the social events may be offset by financial support provided to the national, state, or local political parties from third parties, including those who are registered lobbyists or the employers of registered lobbyists. Where the Member or legislative employee is invited by a national, state, or local political party to attend the event hosted by the party, the source of the gift for financial disclosure statement reporting purposes is the party organization hosting/inviting the Member

Therefore, the amount of the gift must be added to the amount, if any, of the gift received by the Member or employee.

⁹ R.C. 102.031(C)(3); § 5(C) Legislative Code of Ethics.

¹⁰ Admin. Code 101-9-01(D)(2).

¹¹ 2000 JLEC Advisory Op. 2000-002; See R.C. 102.02(A)(2)(g).

¹² 2014 JLEC Advisory Op. 2014-003; See R.C. 102.02(A)(2)(g).

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¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ 2000 JLEC Advisory Op. 2000-002.

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or legislative reportable person. Mere financial support provided by sponsors to the national, state, or local political parties does not trigger financial disclosure or lobbying reporting by those sponsors.

IV. Prohibition – Travel:

Members and legislative staff are prohibited from accepting travel expenses¹⁷ from a legislative agent **except actual travel expenses related to official duties**, which Members and legislative employees must identify under *Section 8: Travel* on their financial disclosure statement.¹⁸ Travel payments or reimbursements made to a Member or legislative employee for attendance at a presidential national convention **are not incurred in connection with their official duties**. As such, except for each car trip under 50 miles one way, Members and legislative staff are prohibited from accepting actual transportation/lodging expenses from a legislative agent for any travel related to attendance at a political convention.¹⁹

Please note that travel expenses paid for or reimbursed **by a campaign committee** are not considered gifts for financial disclosure purposes. These reimbursements will be reported in campaign finance reports, thus serving the public interest of full and fair disclosure. Reasonable, ordinary, necessary and verifiable expenses for a candidate/officeholder and spouse to attend a party's national convention are considered to be legitimate campaign fund expenditures.²⁰

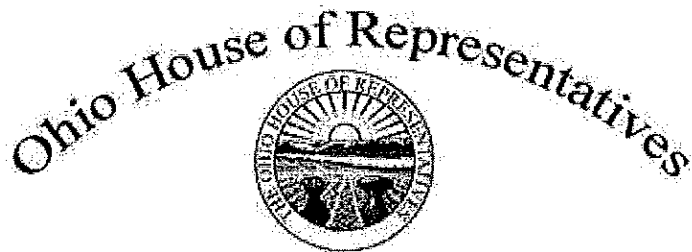
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¹⁸ R.C. 102.031(C)(1); R.C. 102.03(H); § 5(B)(1) Legislative Code of Ethics.

¹⁹ If a Member or legislative employee accepts travel from a non-prohibited source, he or she will report the entity as the source of a gift.

²⁰ Ohio Elections Commission Advisory Opinion 96ELC-09, available at <http://elc.ohio.gov/AdvisoryOpinion/96ELC-09.pdf>.

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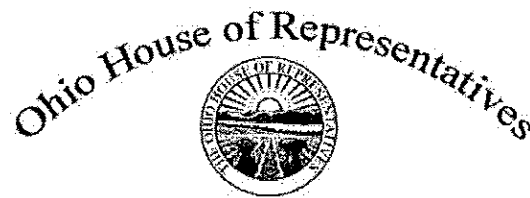
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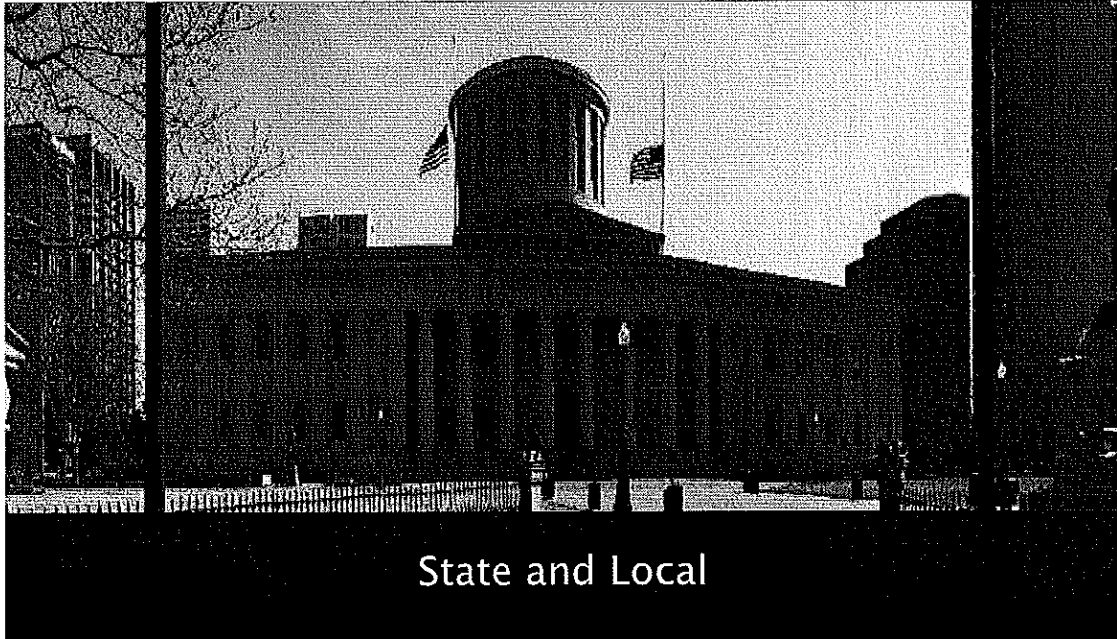


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= A **Governor Kasich** announces a new **DriveOhio initiative** to make the state an autonomous driving mecca.

He's also set to promote Ohio for **green energy innovation**.

Ohio loopholes may stymie new federal anti-payday loan rules.

The Dispatch looks at the **2020 Tax Policy Study Commission** and the Algemeiner reports on HCR 10, the **anti-BDS resolution** co-sponsored by **Reps. Thompson** and **Greenspan**.

OSU researchers break a **drone speed** record.

And, Central Ohio is getting **Legoland Discovery** as well as potentially, a new **business airline**.



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Attorney General Jeff Sessions releases a new memo outlining **religious liberty needs** under the First Amendment.

President Trump again threatens to decertify the **Iran Deal**, with implications for the **Congress**, the **EU**, and **Israel**.

Mike Huckabee asks the president about his Jerusalem Embassy pledge.

Chuck Schumer wants to keep **Jewish artifacts out of Iraq**.

Sherrod Brown meets with farmers while **Rob Portman** receives a bi-partisan leadership award.

Rep. Tim Ryan returns his NRA contributions.

EPA Administrator Pruitt declares the "war on coal" **is over** as he repeals Obama administration power plant regulations, something cheered by Ohio's Murphy Energy.

Even as **Tevi Troy's** name is **floated** as the new HHS Secretary, others ask **who might replace Secretary Tillerson**, should he resign?

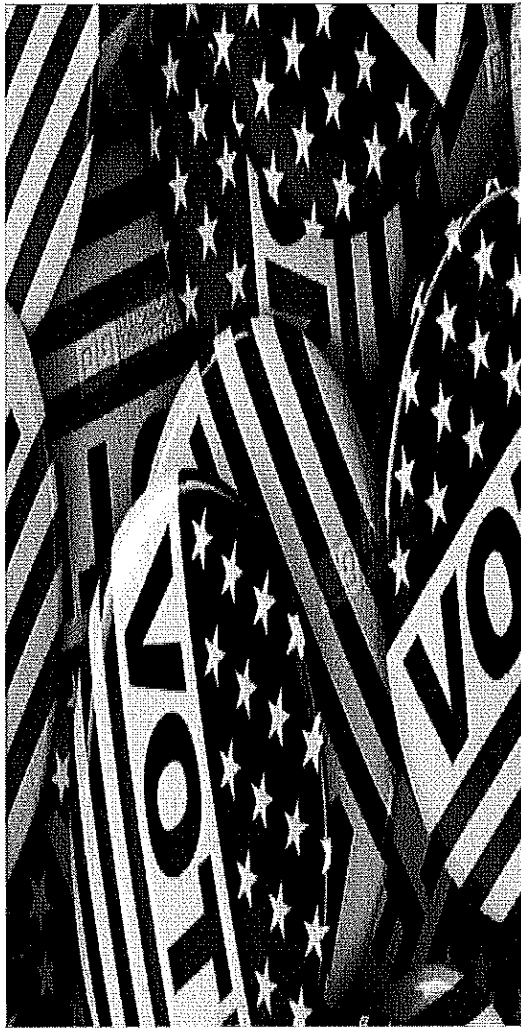
Axios uncovers some of **Jared Kushner's** and **Ivanka Trump's bipartisan dinner salons** they host in Kalorama.

And, former Florida Rep. **Ron Klein pushes back** on the rumblings in the media on a softening of Democratic support for Israel in a JPost op-ed.

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On the Campaign Trail

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The President's political team has **already made** 2020 related hires in Ohio.

As **Senator Diane Feinstein** announces a somewhat unexpected **reelection bid**,



Israel and World Jewry

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The British Home Secretary, **Amber Rudd**, makes plans for a new national **online hate crime "hub."**

ISIS recordings lead to **upping security**

national Democrats see a **sliver of a path** to take the chamber's majority in 2018.

Politico looks at how prospective candidates now try to lock in **mega-donors** early on.

Both Republican and Democratic candidates for governor **met in debate** this week.

Jim Renacci's team has parted ways with a staffer who **posted** a disturbing meme targeting **Secretary Jon Husted**.
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Rich Cordray is in Ohio to help support AG candidate **Steve Dettlebach**.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren will be in Ohio to raise funds for **Sherrod Brown's** reelection.

Rep. Rob McColley is named ALEC's **legislator of the week**

And, Crain's asks if **Tim Ryan** is serious about a **2020 presidential bid**.

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WORTH A READ

NPR looks at the first day of school this year in Mosul, Iraq, after three years of ISIS

at New York's Jewish Museum.

Richard Spencer returned to **Charlottesville** as his planned Florida appearance is causing university police there to rack up **\$500,000 in security costs**.

A **succah is vandalized** on a Kansas City campus as **hate mail** sent to Jewish owned businesses is the focus of a new law enforcement investigation, and an unsealed 2016 indictment shows a **takedown** of a three man ISIS-inspired cell determined to kill thousands in NYC that summer.

The plaque at Canada's new Holocaust memorial is already **being replaced**.

Catalonian independence could mean a **new war** in Europe.

Ireland and Scotland are **new allies** in the post-Brexit world.

MK Amir Peretz gets heckled in Morocco, but his **Druze colleague steps in** - in Arabic - to defend him.

Some of the most **prominent advisors** to Israeli's political leaders are Anglo.

Israelis look at whether **blockchain** is the

occupation. Tablet remembers when New York City Mayor John Lindsay built a succah. Politico looks at Arnold Schwarzenegger post elected office. And, the paparazzi had fun covering the Trump grandchildren heading to shul on Succos.

answer to stopping money laundering.

Ofir Dayan, Columbia student and daughter of **Consul General Dani Dayan** is **profiled by Times of Israel** for her campus pro-Israel advocacy.

Some Jews need to **smuggle in** a lulav and esrog in Japan.

And, the Mossad recounts a **secret scuba diving operation** in the Sudan.

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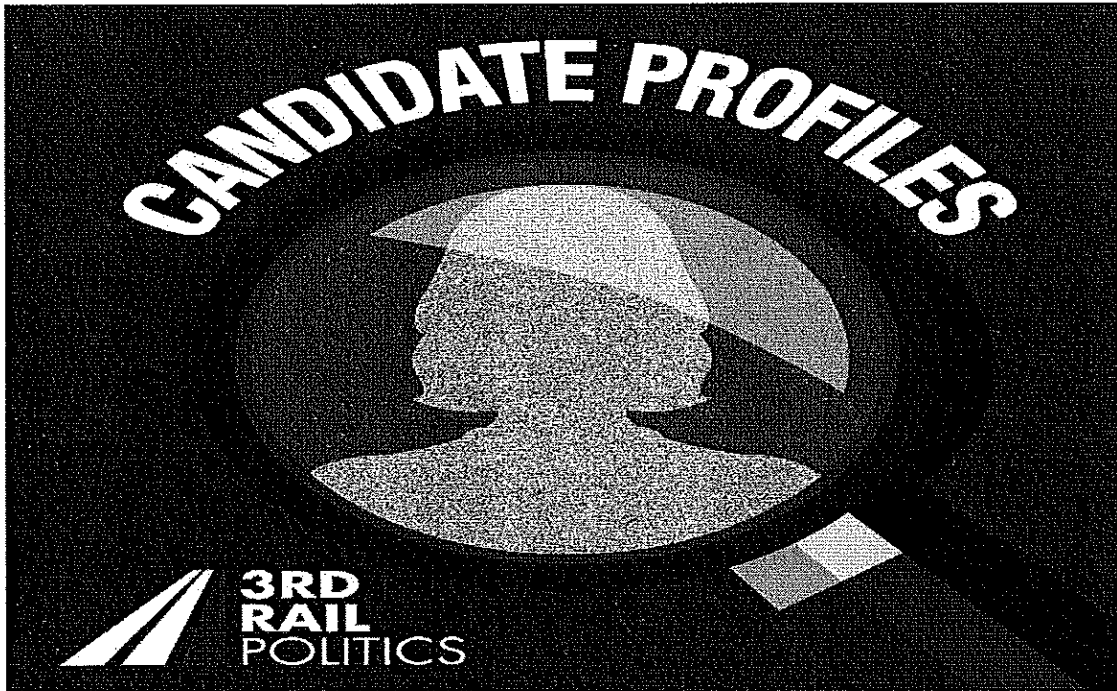
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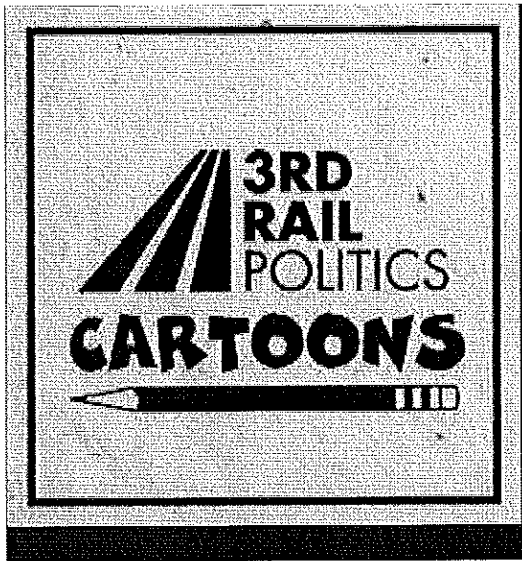
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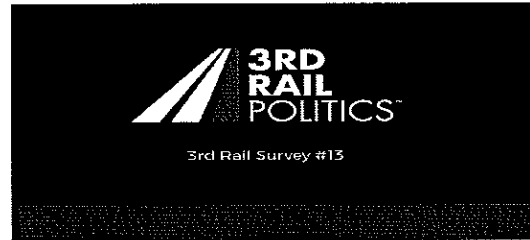
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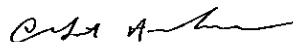
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Subject: New GOP Additions

WELCOME

When you get a free minute, please make sure to introduce yourself and welcome the newest members of our team.



Tyler Herrmann, Deputy Legal Counsel / Policy Advisor

Tyler is from Harrison, Ohio and holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati and a Political Science degree from Wright State University. Tyler served in the United States Air Force as an Operations Intelligence Analyst NCO and currently serves as a JAG Attorney for the United States Army. He currently presides as the Chairman for the Ohio Chapter of the Republican National Lawyers Association, and as the Treasurer for the Cap City Young

Republicans. Tyler transferred to the House from the Attorney General's Office where he served as an Assistant Attorney General within the Executive Agencies Section.

James Kennedy, LA Merrin



James is from Palm City, Florida and an alum of Florida, Atlantic University where he graduated with a degree in Political Science. While in college he had the opportunity to serve as a Tax and Fiscal Policy Intern for the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). James has an extensive research background serving as a Legal Research Analyst Intern for the Buckeye Institute and as a Political-Military Analyst Intern for the Hudson Institute. Prior to arriving to the House, he served as a Legislative Assistant for the Tennessee Legislation Service in Nashville. In James' free time, he enjoys collecting sports memorabilia and claims to have personally met nearly every

major league baseball
superstar.

Lauren Reid, LA Butler



Lauren is from Madison, Connecticut, and recently graduated from the University of Dayton with degrees in Criminal Justice and Political Science with a minor in Spanish. While at Dayton, she served as a Statehouse Civic Scholar, where she was assigned an internship working for the Governor's communication team. Lauren had the unique experience of traveling to Segovia, Spain, where she participated in a four-week immersion program. During the winter months whenever she gets the opportunity, she enjoys to snowmobile.

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Subject: Legislative Conferences and Travel
Attachments: Travel Request Form.docx

Memo to: All House Members

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Date: July 13, 2018

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TRAVEL REQUEST FORM

Traveler _____ Today's Date _____

*I have attached a copy of the conference Itinerary and associated registration fees
for review.*

Conference _____

Conference

Location _____

Date Conference Begins _____ Date Conference Ends _____

Request to travel approved:
by:

Expenses to be reimbursed

Representatives
Kim Flasher, Chief Administrative Officer

House of

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Legislative

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Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 4:31 PM
To: Flasher, Kim; House_All
Subject: Re: Legislative Conferences and Travel

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Representative Ingram,

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Have a good weekend,

Kim

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: An Important Op-Ed from Scott Pullins



Scott A. Pullins is an Ohio attorney, consultant, charter school board chair, and political writer. For more info please visit www.pullinsgroup.com

OPINION

This Isn't Your Daddy's Conservative Organization Anymore

by Scott A. Pullins

Recently, the Ohio chapter of the Christian Coalition has reactivated. They have apparently hired an energy director and are now advocating for extremist, left wing, environmentalist positions.

Unfortunately, this is no longer the Christian Coalition that we once knew. The

Reverend Pat Robertson and Ralph Reed have long left the group and its fundraising has plummeted.

So enter a cadre of left wing, environmentalist foundations.

According to their most recent tax records , the Christian Coalition had annual revenues of \$1,245,431.00. Based upon other tax returns, \$505,700.00 of those revenues came from one source, the Energy Foundation. In other words, their most recent reports show that approximately 41% of their budget comes from a left wing foundation. All in all, between 2007 and 2014 the Christian Coalition took in a whopping \$3.4 million from left wing groups and foundations.

The Energy Foundation is also behind a new group in Ohio called the Ohio Conservative Energy Forum. It is led by Mike Hartley, a former top staffer for Governor John Kasich. Its lobbyists are William Byers, IV, and Greg Bennett. The Energy Foundation is also funding groups such as Young Conservatives for Energy Reform and the Conservative Energy Network.

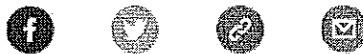
But let's be clear. These organizations are neither conservative, nor are they pro-energy. All of these groups are simply fronts for liberal, extremist, environmental foundations. By buying off organizations like the Christian Coalition or forming new ones with "conservative" in their names, they hope to fool you about their true intentions.

But not everyone is being fooled. In fact, conservative organizations and publications are quickly catching on to this attempted Trojan Horse. In Florida, Americans for Prosperity has exposed efforts by left wing environmentalists to

mandate the use of solar power. Even the venerable American Spectator has caught on to the act. Others are exposing the Young Conservatives for Energy Reform.

According to the Capital Research Center, the effort to coopt conservative groups on environmental issues has been going on for some time. A 2013 report states that the Christian Coalition infiltration began as early as 2010.

The left's tentacles are deep and they do not give up easily. Just because a group uses "conservative" or "Christian" in their name, doesn't mean that they are still conservative or Christian. As they say, follow the money.



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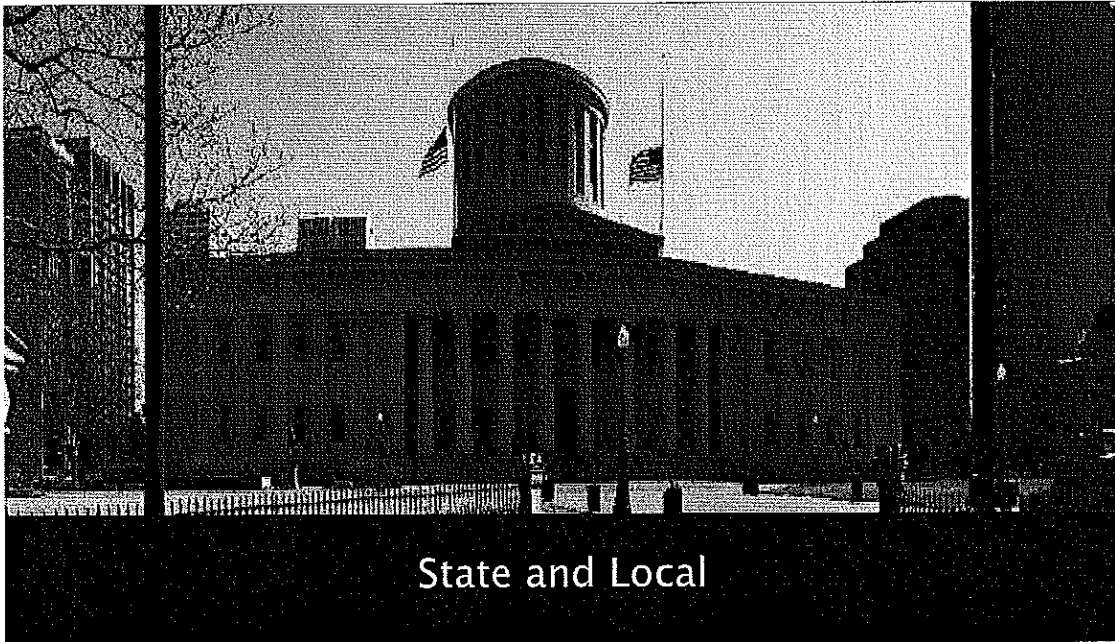


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Monday Mirror

*All the news you missed last week to
prepare you for the week ahead*

Monday July 24, 2017



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= A Marsy's Law, intended to strengthen crime victims rights, will head to the November ballot.

GOP chair Timken is interviewed by 3rd Rail Politics.

Ohio climbs in the business friendly rankings, and Battelle hires a new CEO.

The EPA sues to keep Lake Erie clean.

Three Ohio inmates ask for a **death penalty** reprieve.

And, this week marked the anniversary of a **great Ohioan's history making moment**: July 20 marks 48 years since Neil Armstrong's famous step, leap, and broadcast to Houston from Tranquility Base.



President Trump - reluctantly - **certifies the Iran Deal**, and **Rep. Mike Turner** urges we **continue** to hold the regime accountable.

Both the **Grey Lady** and **Cleveland's hometown paper** take a look at how key **Senator Rob Portman** was in the health care fight.

The Plain Dealer looks at what an **\$800 million cut in Medicaid** would do to Ohio seniors as **Gov. Kasich** offers **another way forward**.

Senator Sherrod Brown comes out in opposition to the president's Sixth Circuit Appeals Court nominee.

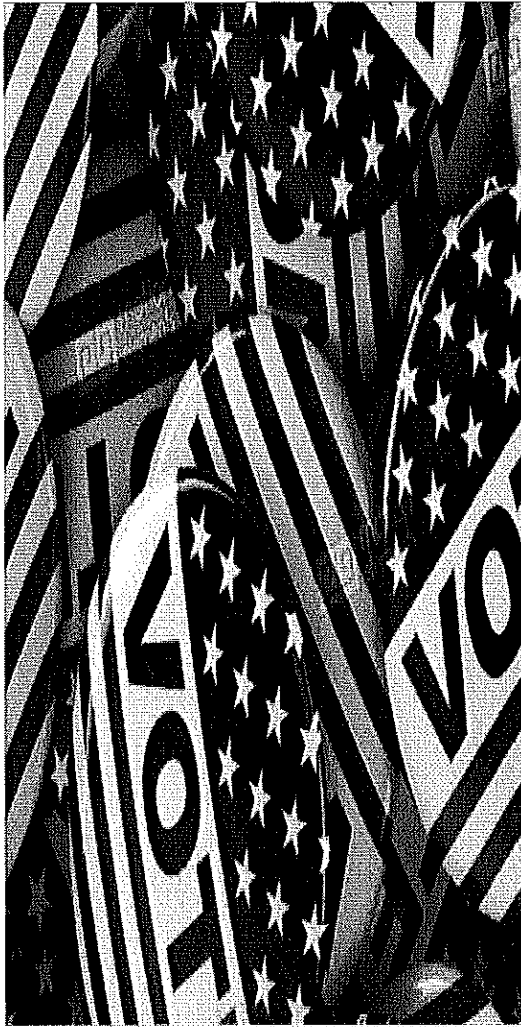
Ohio's delegation still thinks Congress will plan on **a series of accomplishments** before break.

The State Department's **War Crimes Office** may disband and it considers **transferring a refugee office** from Foggy Bottom to Homeland Security.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer speaks **against BDS** from the Senate floor and **Vice President Mike Pence** promises the embassy will **move to Jerusalem**.

The Education Secretary says parents should never have to sue for **special education vouchers**.

And, yes, **Cyndi Lauper** did bring **Maine Senator Susan Collins** up on stage.



On the Campaign Trail

VP Mike Pence will be **here in Columbus** for the GOP dinner, and **President Trump** heads to a **rally in Youngstown**.

Is **Rich Cordray** really going to join



Israel and World Jewry

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Prince William and his family were on a **Royal Visit to Europe** this week, and made a point of touring a concentration camp in Poland, a memorial in Berlin, and meeting with survivors while in both

the **race for governor?**

Treasurer Mandel raises \$1.3 million for his Senate bid.

The incumbents in Ohio have **50 times more money** in the bank than their challengers, reports the Dispatch.

Americans for Prosperity is looking to host a **September debate** among the Republican gubernatorial field.

And, former democratic and republican campaign managers join together to **prevent election hacking**.

WORTH A READ

Chief Justice John Roberts gave the junior high commencement speech recently to his son's graduating class, and it's well worth the read. The fourth in line to the British throne, at just two years old, gives her first diplomatic handshake this week. And, Apple wants iPads to help doctors and patients talk more.

countries.

Even as **Dutch police** are pulling guards from Jewish institutions, reports indicate **anti-Semitic crimes in the UK** at its highest level since record keeping began, and the **Canadian police** issue a warrant for an imam for preaching death to Jews.

Prime Minister Netanyahu was in **France and Hungary** this week, where **President Macron** and **Prime Minister Orban**, respectively, took responsibility for their national crimes during the Holocaust.

The Visegrad 4 also **pledged greater EU support for Israel** as well as accepting an invitation that they host the summit "Next Year in Jerusalem."

Egyptian security forces **faced off with ISIS** in the Sinai as experts on the Northern Front **warn** Hezbollah's next war could be much worse.

As Israel releases stats on their **humanitarian aid to Syria**, Israel's police are also seeking to **build bridges** with the Arab community.

Miami Beach teens pull out of the **Roger Waters concert**, citing his anti-BDS

activities.

As Forbes asks why Israel has become a **cyber powerhouse**, IBM says its found even tougher **encryption methods** for securing data.

The UN says we could be seeing the **worst starvation crisis** since World War II.

And, the **first medic to respond** to the Temple Mount terror attack was a Muslim Arab.

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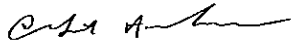
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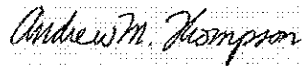
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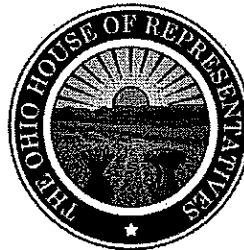
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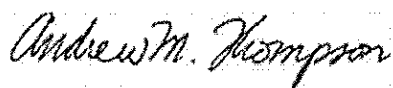
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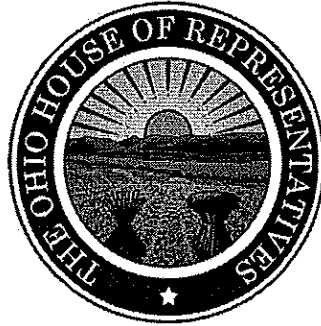
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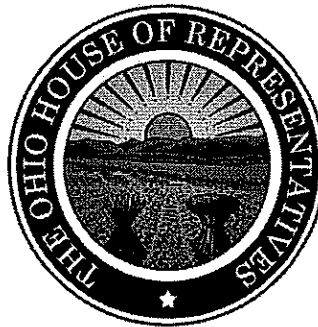
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From: Thomas, AJ
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Come on up to the 31st Floor!

From: Thomas, AJ
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 9:34 AM
To: Thomas, AJ <AJ.Thomas@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: RE: Deconstructing the Administrative State Luncheon

Make sure to respond by **this Friday 5/18** for a free lunch! See below:

From: Thomas, AJ
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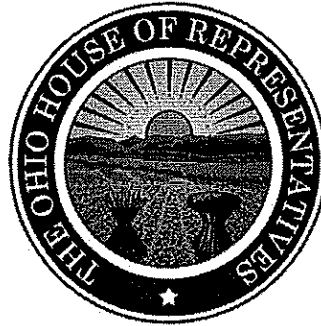
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January 11, 2016

The Buckeye Institute Fights for 318,000+ Ohio Workers Today in U.S. Supreme Court Case

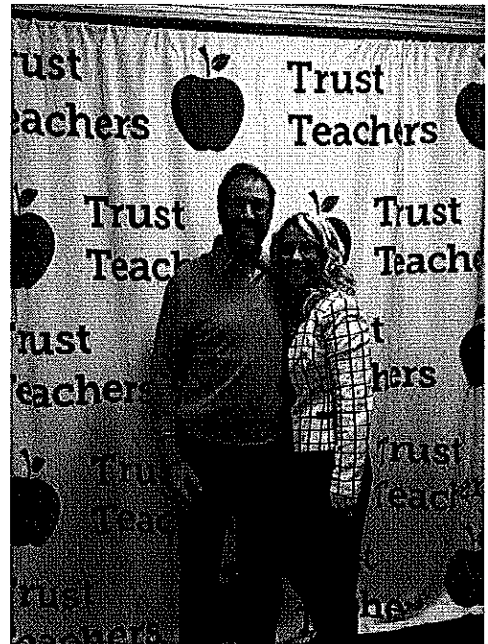
***Friedrichs v. CTA* Decision Could Give Workers' Voice and Choice**

COLUMBUS, OHIO--The Buckeye Institute filed an amicus brief in September that is being heard today at the U.S. Supreme Court. This landmark case would protect the 1st Amendment rights of government workers nationwide by ending the requirement that they pay for inherently political speech by unions to which they may object.

The Supreme Court is hearing oral arguments this morning in *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association*, wherein the protection of 1st Amendment rights of California teacher Rebecca Friedrichs and nine other teachers are at stake. Rebecca Friedrichs has gone to court in order to be

able to stop paying fees that unions now forcibly collect from non-members. If the justices rule in favor of Friedrichs, public-sector unions will still be able to collect dues from union members, but non-members will no longer be required to subsidize union activities. In Ohio alone, more than 318,000 state and local employees are covered by public-sector unions, reports the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Buckeye Institute's President and CEO Robert Alt is at the U.S. Supreme Court this morning where he will address the media on the steps of the highest court in the land. He said, "Rebecca Friedrichs is fighting to have a voice and a choice--fighting for her 1st Amendment rights to be recognized by the highest court in the land. She, along with all teachers and other public servants across this country, has been told for too long that she must pay union fees to support inherently political speech by the union--or else be fired. It is well past time that we respect the 1st Amendment rights of all workers."



**Buckeye President & CEO
Robert Alt with plaintiff
Rebecca Friedrichs**

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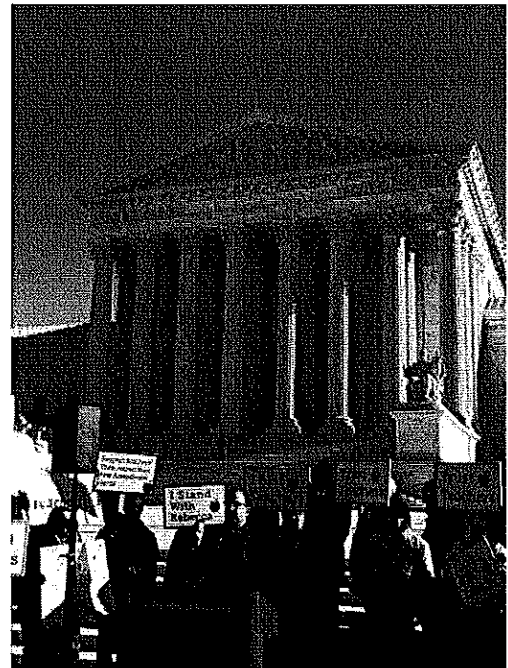
From: The Buckeye Institute
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Subject: Buckeye President & CEO Robert Alt Speaks about Friedrichs on U.S. Supreme Court Steps

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Moments ago, Buckeye President & CEO Robert Alt finished his speech on the steps of the U.S.

Supreme Court where he addressed the media and explained that "Today's case is about securing the First Amendment rights for all public employees. It is about not being forced to pay for political speech with which you disagree. And, make no mistake, collective bargaining speech for public sector unions is political speech. For example, in Ohio, the unions negotiated to decide layoff decisions by a coin flip, instead of merit, which is of course blatantly unfair to good teachers and to their students." Alt noted that the Justices heard oral arguments outlining why forcing Rebecca Friedrichs to pay the unions is inherently political speech, and why it violates her 1st Amendment rights. We should expect the Justices to announce their decision on the case in June.

Alt posted several pieces on National Review's Bench Memos over the past week about the Friedrichs case, many of which were picked up by SCOTUSblog as well:



Robert Alt Speaks about Friedrichs on U.S. Supreme Court Steps

[Professor Epstein to SCOTUS: Set the Workers Free](#)

[A Response to Justice Kagan: Ending Agency Fees Won't End Unions \(Part 1\)](#)

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Subject: EPA's Federal Plan Would Force States Into Cap-and-Trade Scheme

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January 21, 2016

EPA's Federal Plan Would Force States Into Cap-and-Trade Scheme

The Buckeye Institute files formal comments challenging legality of this federal overreach

COLUMBUS, OHIO--The Buckeye Institute filed comments Thursday challenging the legality of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed "federal plan" to regulate carbon dioxide emissions under President Obama's Clean Power Plan.

The Buckeye Institute joined the Competitive Enterprise Institute and several other state-level free market think tanks to criticize the EPA's plan, which is a national cap-and-trade program that Congress has explicitly rejected many times. The EPA says it will enforce its federal plan if a state fails to submit its own compliance plan or submits a plan that EPA thinks isn't good enough.

"This federal plan is another example of the Administration using executive overreach to bypass Congress and ignore the best interests of the American people," said William & Helen Diehl Energy and Transparency Fellow Joe Nichols. "EPA claims this rule gives states 'flexibility' to comply, but it is really a backdoor effort to force the states into a costly cap-and-trade scheme."

The filing was submitted to the EPA before a regulatory deadline for outside parties to comment on the agency's sweeping new rule. The Buckeye Institute joined the Texas Public Policy Foundation to file comments opposing the regulation on legal and economic grounds as well.

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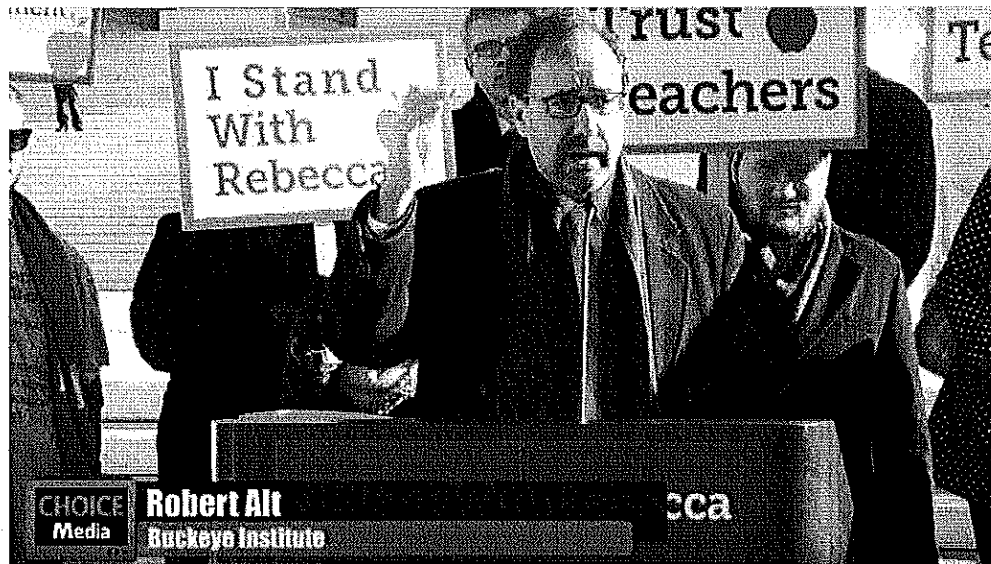
Buckeye Institute News Update

Dear Friends,

Amidst the torrent of bad news since the New Year (the stock market performing erratically and blizzards making themselves known by name, etc.), The Buckeye Institute is off to a phenomenal start for 2016--thanks to your support!

A few noteworthy accomplishments for your review:

- **U.S. Supreme Court.** As you may recall, President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Alt spoke at a news briefing (video below) on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court just after oral arguments concluded in the landmark labor freedom case, *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association*. Robert, a constitutional scholar, filed an *amicus* brief for Buckeye in the case, as well as published extensively in prominent publications including [National Review's Bench Memos](#) and SCOTUSblog in the days leading up to oral arguments and was [quoted widely](#) in the days after the January 11th arguments.




- **Ohio General Assembly.** Policy Analyst Greg R. Lawson testified earlier this week before a House Committee on why it is smart policy for the State Auditor to do efficiency-seeking performance audits at universities and community colleges. Ohio Rep. Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster), the bill's co-sponsor, publicly thanked Greg on social media for his testimony. State Auditor Dave Yost touted and quoted Greg's testimony in a [news release](#) too.
- **Editorial pages.** The Buckeye Institute is now a mainstay - and the dominant free market voice - on the editorial pages of Ohio's major newspapers. William and Helen Diehl Fiscal Policy Fellow Tom Lampman had an [op-ed](#) in the *Toledo Blade*. It was based on his [policy study](#) arguing that deregulation would dramatically increase access to health care, especially for low-income Ohioans. In a similar vein, Greg R. Lawson published a [letter-to-the-editor](#) in the Columbus *Dispatch* explaining how job growth and reducing poverty -- not just spending more tax money -- is the key to improving education outcomes.
- **News reports.** Our experts are frequent sources to the media on our core policy issues, such as jobs and economic growth. Buckeye's Executive Vice President Rea S. Hederman, Jr., was prominently [quoted Friday](#) in the Cleveland *Plain Dealer's* news story on the latest Ohio jobs report.

Thank you for all you do to advance freedom and prosperity, Happy New Year, and stay warm!

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Subject: Ohio's Economy Ends 2015 on High Note

Ohio by the Numbers - December 2015

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February 1, 2016

OHIO'S ECONOMY ENDS 2015 ON HIGH NOTE

December's jobs report is positive overall, but energy sector is reeling

COLUMBUS, OHIO--Ohio's labor market enjoyed a strong finish to 2015. Total employment rose by 15,000 jobs, the largest one-month increase since January. However, jobs numbers for the mining sector, which includes oil and gas, reflect the negative impact of low commodity prices and costly regulations.

"December marks the third consecutive month of labor force participation rate increases," said Joe Nichols, a policy analyst at The Buckeye Institute's Economic Research Center. "Employment grew strongly in the final month of the year. However, the good news did not impact everyone as the mining sector experienced more layoffs and is down 11.5% from the previous year. Oil, gas, and coal are in dire straits. In 2016, policymakers should be careful not to kick this industry while it's down. Despite hard times, the energy industry holds plenty of promise for Ohio if bad policy doesn't get in its way."

Key results:

- **Unemployment rate.** The jobless rate rose to 4.7% in November, up from 4.5% a month earlier, but down from 5.1% a year earlier.
- **Labor force participation rate.** The percentage of working-age Ohioans who have a job or are looking for work rose to 62.5% in November, up from 62.4% a month earlier.
- **Total jobs.** Ohio added 15,200 total jobs compared to the previous month (seasonally adjusted) and 82,700 jobs from a year earlier.
- **Private jobs.** Ohio added 15,900 private sector jobs from the previous month and 82,000 jobs from a year earlier.
- **Government jobs.** Federal, state, and local governments lost 700 jobs from the previous month, but remain 700 jobs higher from a year earlier.

Nationally, right-to-work states continue to outperform forced unionization states (including Ohio) in private sector employment, growing by 9.8% compared to 7.9% in forced union states.

Overall, Ohio had a total of 5,451,500 workers holding jobs that paid wages or salaries in December, according to federal data.

The good and the bad in December:

Winners

- **Nondurable goods manufacturing.** The industry added 3,300 jobs, up 1.5%.
- **Wholesale trade.** The sector gained 2,500 jobs, a 1.1% increase.

Losers

- **Mining and logging.** The industry saw a 1.4% drop.
- **Arts, entertainment, and recreation.** This sector employed 2,300 fewer people, a loss of 3.1% of its workforce, a decline that appears to be weather-related.

To view the full report, click [here](#).

Ohio by the Numbers

Labor Force Report

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February 10, 2016

BUCKEYE WINS TWO POLICY VICTORIES IN TWO DAYS

Ohio Senate votes to end salon manager's license, Supreme Court halts Clean Power Plan

COLUMBUS, OHIO--The Buckeye Institute praised two important decisions today, one by the Ohio Senate and the other by the U.S. Supreme Court. Both decisions supported key policy priorities of Buckeye's work advancing economic freedom in Ohio and nationwide.

"Buckeye's victories this week in Columbus and Washington advance Ohioans one step closer to relief from burdensome regulations that hurt small businesses and working families," said Robert Alt, president and chief executive officer of The Buckeye Institute. "We're proud to be on the front lines fighting for sound policy in both the General Assembly and in federal court."

Buckeye's latest policy wins:

Salon manager's license.

The Ohio Senate voted 32-0 this afternoon to unanimously eliminate a pointless and costly occupational license that forced cosmetologists to get a special state license to get promoted to

store manager. The reform had been stalled for years because of opposition from private cosmetology schools, which sell training for the licenses.

The Buckeye Institute brought increased scrutiny to this harmful license through testimony, a social media campaign, and the release of *Forbidden to Succeed: How Licensure Laws Hold Ohioans Back*. The study -- detailing 31 over-licensed and over-regulated modest-income professions -- was released at a Statehouse event in which legislators spoke in favor of ending the unnecessary salon manager's license.

Clean Power Plan. The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday evening halted implementation of President Obama's plan to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. This decision caught many observers by surprise, but not Buckeye's research staff. Joe Nichols, a policy analyst in Buckeye's Economic Research Center and an energy policy expert, correctly predicted that the courts would put the regulatory overreach on hold because it clearly violates state sovereignty and recent Supreme Court decisions.

The Court's decision elevates the importance of our other legal challenges to the Clean Power Plan. The Buckeye Institute is suing the Obama Administration over these illegal rules. In addition, Buckeye has aggressively challenged the plan in the regulatory process.

The Buckeye Institute will remain on the front lines on both of these issues. The future is brighter today than it was two days ago thanks to these great decisions by the Supreme Court and the Ohio Senate.

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